

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR EMPLOYERS

In the fall of 1996, RIT became the first U.S. University to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Software Engineering. The program was created in response to commercial, industrial and government organizations, which in recent years have expressed the need for graduates whose professional focus is on software development. Software Engineering involves a teamwork approach to developing, maintaining and enhancing complex, critical software systems. With an emphasis on team-oriented approaches to software development, this program prepares students for technical and management careers in a variety of computer and software-intensive industries. While the program resides in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, software engineering majors have access to a variety of minors including engineering, electronic entertaining, and science. Students majoring in Software Engineering take 14 software engineering courses along with computer science, engineering, mathematics, arts and humanities courses.

Degree(s) Awarded

Bachelor of Science

Enrollment

Approximately 360 students

Cooperative Education Component

Starting in their third year, students get four 10-week opportunities to complete the required 4 co-op work assignments.

Salary Information (Avg/Range)

Co-op:	\$17.59	\$8.15 - \$35.00
BS:	\$60,000	\$47,000 - \$85,000

Equipment & Facilities

In addition to specialized departmental facilities, students have access to general campus-wide computing facilities, as well as the laboratories supporting both computer science and computer engineering. Campus-wide computing resources include numerous labs equipped with Windows and Macintosh platforms, a VMS cluster, a Digital UNIX cluster, and library resources.

Accreditation

The curriculum meets the software engineering program criteria of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and graduated the first students from an ABET accredited software engineering program in 2003.

Student Skills & Capabilities

Students learn principles, methods and techniques for the construction of complex and evolving software systems. The software engineering program encompasses both technical issues affecting software architecture, designs and implementation, as well as process issues that address project management, planning, quality assurance and product maintenance. The software engineering coursework maintains a balance between engineering design and software process in both required and elective courses. As with other engineering fields, mathematics and natural science fundamentals are taken in the early years. Students also must satisfy the program's ethics and economics requirements. A three-course sequence in a domain outside the program's core requirements allows students to apply their software engineering skills to a variety of fields including science, computing, engineering, and business. Finally, students complete a two-course senior project as the final demonstration of their abilities and preparation for immediate employment and long-term professional growth in software development organizations.

Software Engineering

Course Sequence BS degree

First and Second Years:

Computer Science (3 courses)
Calculus (3 courses)
Science Sequence (2 courses)
University Physics I
Discrete Mathematics (2 courses)
Introduction to Computer Science Theory
Engineering Statistics
Software Engineering Freshman Seminar
Introduction to Software Engineering
Personal Software Engineering
Engineering of Software Subsystems
Engineering Fundamentals of Computer Systems
Professional Communications
Liberal Arts

*Software Engineering Electives

Design

Distributed Software Systems
Information Systems Design
Real-Time and Embedded Systems
Modeling of Real-Time Systems
Performance Engineering of Real-Time and Embedded Systems

Third, Fourth and Fifth Years:

Principles of Software Architecture
Formal Methods of Specification & Design
Concurrent Software Systems
Software Process and Project Management
Software Requirements Engineering
Software Engineering Senior Project (2 quarters)
Software Engineering Electives (3 courses)*
Engineering Methods for Software Usability
Application Domain Electives (3 courses)**
Engineering Electives (3 courses)
Free Elective (3 courses)
Liberal Arts

Process

Software Testing
Agile Software Development
Software Process and Product Quality

Students take at least three software engineering electives; one must be a design elective and one a process elective.

** Application Domain Electives

Students select an application domain that consists of three courses in one of the following areas:

Artificial Intelligence	Computer Security	Public Policy
Bioinformatics	Economics	Scientific & Engineering Computing
Business Applications	Entrepreneurship	Statistics
Computational Mathematics	Industrial & Systems Engineering	Usability
Computer Engineering	Interactive Entertainment	

Selected Employers of Software Engineering Co-op and Graduating Students:

Activision, Alstom Transport, Amazon Services, BAE Systems, Blackbaud, Constellation Energy, Digital Receiver Technology, EBS Inc., EnerNOC Inc., GE MDS LLC, Goodrich, Harris Corporation, IBM Corp., ITT, Lenel Systems International, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft Corporation, Minitab Inc., Mitre Corp., MOOG Inc., Northrop Grumman, Northwestern Mutual, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Performance Technologies, Railcomm Inc., Raytheon Company, REDCOM Laboratories Inc., Rochester Software Associates, Soleo Communications Inc., TATA Communications, Thoughtbot, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, Webster Financial Group, VoicePort LLC, Vuzix Corporation, Xerox Corporation

Contact Us:

We appreciate your interest in RIT co-op, graduating students or alumni. We will make every effort to make your recruiting endeavor a success. Call our office and ask to speak to Kara Leonard, the program coordinator who works with the Software Engineering program. For your convenience, you can access information and services through our web site at <http://www.rit.edu/recruit>.

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